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1. _____ the following terms as commonly used by the Soviets?

    (a)   Ob'yedineniye
    (b)   Soyedineniye
    (c)   Chast'
    (d)   Podrozdeleniye

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Ob'yedineniye has the meaning of united command. It involves a "team" concept. The term usually refers to large groupings--larger than division in size. Air, ground and naval elements combined for a large-scale operation might be an ob'yedineniye.

Soyedineniye is a general term used in referring to a large group such as a division or a corps or an army. It might be translated as "a command."

Chast' usually refers to a unit of approximately regimental size. The chief feature of the chast', however, is not its size so much as its independence. A separate battalion or even a company, if not part of a larger unit, may be a chast'. It has its own banner, its own serial number, and its own stamp for authenticating documents.

Podrazdeleniye refers to a small unit such as a battalion, company, platoon or squad.

The above terms are not official nomenclature. They are general terms, used when more exact meanings are unnecessary or unknown or are not desireable. When a Soviet officer wishes to convey a concrete or precise meaning, he uses the words for Group of Forces, Army, division, platoon, and so on.

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